



**Gulf Shores Police Department**  
**2012 Annual**  
**Report**

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# Gulf Shores Police Department 2012 Annual Report

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SMALL TOWN, BIG BEACH

Dear Gulf Shores Community Member:

The 2012 Annual Report provides an overview of the accomplishments and challenges of the Gulf Shores Police Department (GSPD) in the past year. It touches on some of our programs and identifies some of our members that have distinguished themselves through superior service to our city.

The GSPD has now become and will continue to be a regional law-enforcement leader due to the excellence of our employees, our innovative use of technology and tactics, and dedication to improving the quality of life for the citizens and visitors of Gulf Shores.

In the last several years the permanent population of Gulf Shores has nearly doubled. In 2012 record numbers of visitors have visited our city. Likewise the number of GSPD personnel has increased appropriately and we have outgrown our current facility. We operate now out of three separate buildings. In 2012 we actively began planning for a much needed new headquarters facility.

As demonstrated throughout this report, we are continuing to work together as a community by forming partnerships with residents, other city departments and peer law-enforcement agencies. With your support, we will maintain and improve the superior police service we are providing to the city.

In coming years GSPD will continue our efforts to protect persons and property by providing essential law enforcement services, while promoting community involvement, stability and order through service, assistance, and visibility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Edward J. Delmore", written in a cursive style.

Edward J. Delmore  
Chief of Police



# Chain of Command



Chief of Police  
Ed Delmore



Fred Beaman  
Deputy Chief



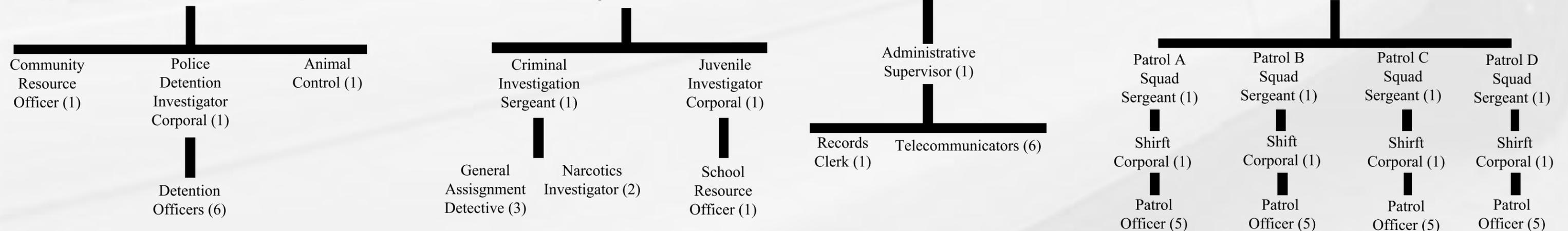
Lt. Alan Carpenter  
Support Services, Special Events & Training Division



Lt. Bill Cowan  
Investigations Division



Lt. Michael Hill  
Patrol Division



# Gulf Shores Police Department 2012 Sworn Personnel

<b>Edward J. Delmore</b>	<b>Chief</b>	<b>05-25-10</b>	<b>James R. Johnston, Jr.</b>	<b>Patrolman</b>	<b>04-01-06</b>
<b>Fred M. Beaman</b>	<b>Deputy Chief</b>	<b>10-06-80</b>	<b>Jeremy S. Perry</b>	<b>Patrolman</b>	<b>08-26-06</b>
<b>William B. Cowan</b>	<b>Lieutenant</b>	<b>02-01-93</b>	<b>Charles Eric Smith</b>	<b>Patrolman</b>	<b>09-02-06</b>
<b>Alan W. Carpenter</b>	<b>Lieutenant</b>	<b>11-15-96</b>	<b>Christopher J. Bagby</b>	<b>Patrolman</b>	<b>08-05-06</b>
<b>Michael L. Hill</b>	<b>Lieutenant</b>	<b>08-23-97</b>	<b>Jerry L. Ramsey, Jr.</b>	<b>Patrolman</b>	<b>07-21-07</b>
<b>Darrell G. Franklin</b>	<b>Sergeant</b>	<b>04-06-98</b>	<b>James R. Lord</b>	<b>Patrolman</b>	<b>08-04-07</b>
<b>Richard E. King</b>	<b>Sergeant</b>	<b>03-13-97</b>	<b>Charles Shane Lindsey</b>	<b>Patrolman</b>	<b>09-29-07</b>
<b>Jason T. Woodruff</b>	<b>Sergeant</b>	<b>08-16-06</b>	<b>Joshua D. Coleman</b>	<b>Patrolman</b>	<b>09-29-07</b>
<b>Timothy L. Knight</b>	<b>Sergeant</b>	<b>05-05-89</b>	<b>James W. Brown</b>	<b>Patrolman</b>	<b>03-22-08</b>
<b>Greg A. Bobo</b>	<b>Sergeant</b>	<b>11-27-00</b>	<b>Jennifer M. Criteser</b>	<b>Patrolman</b>	<b>07-19-08</b>
<b>William C. Berrey</b>	<b>Corporal</b>	<b>02-01-99</b>	<b>Lorant Baranovics</b>	<b>Patrolman</b>	<b>12-13-10</b>
<b>Justin R. Clopton</b>	<b>Corporal</b>	<b>06-26-00</b>	<b>Michael N. Drummond</b>	<b>Patrolman</b>	<b>04-25-11</b>
<b>Roman G. Frye</b>	<b>Corporal</b>	<b>06-10-06</b>	<b>Neal J. Gough</b>	<b>Patrolman</b>	<b>04-25-11</b>
<b>Paul Maliska</b>	<b>Corporal</b>	<b>01-26-08</b>	<b>Marlin D. Hanner, III</b>	<b>Patrolman</b>	<b>05-16-11</b>
<b>Joseph R. Taylor</b>	<b>Corporal</b>	<b>08-16-08</b>	<b>Robert Bryan Johnson</b>	<b>Patrolman</b>	<b>07-30-11</b>
<b>Mark J. Russell</b>	<b>Corporal</b>	<b>12-12-05</b>	<b>Scott A. Streeter</b>	<b>Patrolman</b>	<b>02-04-12</b>
<b>Gavin W. Kostelecky</b>	<b>Patrolman</b>	<b>09-03-91</b>	<b>Kristopher E. Baldner</b>	<b>Patrolman</b>	<b>04-14-12</b>
<b>Steven Chad Lambert</b>	<b>Patrolman</b>	<b>06-02-97</b>	<b>Seth N. Headley</b>	<b>Patrolman</b>	<b>04-14-12</b>
<b>Jack B. Conway</b>	<b>Patrolman</b>	<b>11-22-03</b>	<b>Leah C. Carpenter</b>	<b>Patrolman</b>	<b>09-10-12</b>
<b>Christopher A. Miller</b>	<b>Patrolman</b>	<b>05-05-04</b>	<b>Josh B. Gulledege</b>	<b>Patrolman</b>	<b>09-10-12</b>
<b>Donald Leigh Booth</b>	<b>Patrolman</b>	<b>05-07-05</b>	<b>Josh M. Hoguet</b>	<b>Patrolman</b>	<b>10-29-12</b>

# Civilian Personnel

Alicia D. Talley	Administrative Supervisor	05-15-92
Donna J. Couch	Senior Telecommunicator	09-18-92
Amber A. Brooks	Telecommunicator	04-23-05
Charles R. Haupt	Telecommunicator	02-11-06
Suzanne M. Williams	Telecommunicator	09-02-06
Seth T. Fuller	Telecommunicator	12-15-07
Brendan Powell	Telecommunicator	06-04-12
Dudley E. Carlisle	Animal Control Officer	09-20-91
John E. Day	Detention Officer	09-06-05
Frank D. Stewart	Detention Officer	05-17-07
Kevin T. Conroy	Detention Officer	06-11-11
Keith Fank	Detention Officer	04-02-12
Andrew J. Wolf	Detention Officer	11-24-12
Charles Josh Hines	Detention Officer	08-06-10
Jennafer F. Darby	Records Clerk	05-14-07



## Patrol Division

The Gulf Shores Police Department Patrol Division is currently comprised of twenty nine sworn patrol officers. The division is under the command of a Patrol Lieutenant. Within this division are four Sergeants, four Corporals, four K-9 units, and four Field Training Officers. This is the largest division of the Gulf Shores Police Department. In 2012 the Patrol Division averaged about 128 criminal arrests out of an average 2500 calls for service per month. This is a forty percent increase in call volume over last year.

The officers of this division conduct standard police functions: make arrests, conduct investigations, issue citations and handle calls for service, secure and maintain the integrity of evidence and property for the investigation division. The division also has personnel assigned to a beach patrol. The other major functions of the Division include traffic safety programs, accident investigations, fatal traffic accident and traffic crime investigations, traffic complaint problem solving and resolution, intergovernmental cooperation, community partnerships, general Traffic and DUI enforcement, and community event support missions. The patrol division is also used for special events, crowd control and parking problems.

Members of the division are motivated to building partnerships, relationships, and trust between police and the community. The Division provides exemplary, year-round, twenty-four hour service to its citizens, and adheres to the highest standards of ethical behavior while constantly striving for the highest standards for excellence in law enforcement. The Division's primary objective is to provide a safe community environment with the highest level of services possible. The Division is committed to safeguarding the quality of life that makes Gulf Shores a great place to live, work and play. We are committed to accomplishing the above through adaptability, encouraging creativity and forward thinking, honesty, integrity and holding one another accountable. Lastly, we will never settle for mediocrity or second best.

2012 marks the second year of The Gulf Shores Police Department Officer of the Month Program to recognize our law enforcement officers who distinguish themselves through exemplary service and devotion to duty. This program seeks to generate increased public support for the law enforcement profession by permanently recording and appropriately commemorating the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers. We are proud to honor these recipients with this award and thank all of our officers for the exceptional work they do on a daily basis for the department and the citizens of the City of Gulf Shores.

# Officer of the Year



Officer Baranovics joined the Gulf Shores Police Department in December 2010. In 2011 graduated from the Police Academy in Montgomery and successfully completed the GSPD Field Training Program. During the summer of 2012 Baranovics was selected to be a member of the Beach Patrol Unit.

In December of 2012, after competing in a difficult selection process, Baranovics was chosen to be a member of the South Baldwin Special Response Team.

In January of 2013, he was selected as a member of the Gulf Shores Police Department's newly-formed Marine Unit/Dive Team.

A summary of Officer Baranovics' activity for the year included 34 criminal arrests. He issued 99 traffic citations including several DUI's and 111 warnings. Baranovics was selected as Officer of the Month for July and December of 2012.



# Honor



# Guard



The Gulf Shores Police Department Honor Guard was established to represent the department at funerals, ceremonial functions, and other special events. The Honor Guard renders honors at the funerals of those lost in the line of duty, both active and retired Police Officers as well as city officials.

Our Honor Guard serves at various city events, as well as events held in the private sector. The presentation of colors is customary at the opening of various patriotic or sporting events and is often accompanied by the playing of the National Anthem.

The honor guard participated in the funerals of three officers killed in the line of duty this year; Mobile Police Officer Steven Green, Baldwin County Sheriff's Deputy Scott Ward, and U.S Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Andrew Knight, of Thomasville, Alabama.

Some other events attended include the arrival of the U.S. Honor Flag in Pensacola, FL, FBI National Academy -South Alabama Conference, Alabama Chiefs of Police Conference, Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee- Southern District of Alabama Conference, and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics-Women's Softball tournament.

This role is supported by our full time officers and a valuable source of our unit. Together, we represent the department and serve as ambassadors of the City of Gulf Shores at events on the local, statewide level and as such, its members strive to represent the highest standards of integrity, professionalism, and dedication to duty.

# Investigations

## Evidence Room Recovery

January 2012 revealed the actions of what had been a trusted civilian employee in the department to be criminal. Barry Martin, Correctional Officer, was also tasked with the operation of the evidence room. Through a series of events it came to light that he had been stealing both drugs and weapons from the evidence rooms as well as other items. While a terrible discovery, this gave a chance for a total review of evidence and property handling procedures department wide.

Immediately the Baldwin County District Attorney's Office was asked to assist in the audit process. They provided a valuable resource in this process as well as filling the need for transparency by the department.

During this process each and every piece of evidence and property in the rooms were inventoried and cataloged. The status of any case associated with it was checked and if the item was no longer needed it was disposed of. If needed it was properly tagged and logged as to location and secured in the evidence room.

The result of this process was a vastly decreased amount of items in the evidence rooms since a large amount of items were no longer needed. Also shown through this process was the need for greater oversight and accountability in the entire process. The District Attorney's Office who had greatly helped in the cleanup was invited to come and assist in a yearly inspection of evidence. Further, the packaging and processing of evidence as it comes into the system was made more defensible with the addition of better equipment and camera systems.

From the discovery of wrong doing to the completion of the audit and first inventory was almost a year to the day. The result is an evidence and property room that is very secure and is well defensible while maintaining accountability and transparency. The continued goal of the agency is to continue to improve evidence procedures and emerge having a system that is an industry model for evidence handling.





## Michael J. Hoeft

On Tuesday, February 21, 2012, at about 6:14 p.m., Gulf Shores Police were dispatched to a traffic collision in the 500 block of Cotton Creek Drive. Michael Hoeft, a retired Milwaukee Firefighter, was killed as a result of the crash while riding his bicycle. The driver that hit him left the scene.

GSPD Detectives responded to the scene and worked there into the morning hours of Wednesday, February 22. By Wednesday morning, the entire Criminal Investigation Division was actively working the case. The FBI Evidence Response Team from the Mobile, Alabama office assisted GSPD detectives and provided preliminary evidence analysis which lead GSPD to a suspect vehicle description.

Armed with this information, detectives conducted numerous interviews and followed up on dozens of leads. GSPD also conducted the department's first ever Informational Check-Point at the scene of the crime on Thursday, February 23rd. A tip received as a result of that check-point operation led detectives to Melvin Hutcheson of Gulf Shores. Hutcheson's black Ford Explorer was missing and he refused to answer questions about the crime or his vehicle's location.

Detectives reached out to tipsters, informants, and law enforcement contacts around the Southeast seeking assistance in locating Hutcheson's vehicle. Their efforts paid off and the vehicle was located some 350 miles away in Etowah County, Alabama on Friday night, February 24th. Detectives travelled to Etowah County the next morning and conducted several interviews with the assistance of the Etowah County Sheriff's Department. They also obtained a search warrant for Hutcheson's vehicle and, assisted again by the FBI Evidence Response Team out of Mobile, brought the vehicle back to South Alabama for processing.

On Monday, February 27th, GSPD detectives worked alongside FBI technicians to process the vehicle and collected evidence which linked it to the crime. Based on their findings, a warrant was obtained for Hutcheson's arrest. Hutcheson was taken into custody on Tuesday, February 28th, one week to the day from the death of Michael Hoeft.

It was only through the willingness and commitment of GSPD personnel, the FBI's Evidence Response Team, and all involved law enforcement that this case was closed so quickly. Detectives on several occasions worked all day and through the night collecting evidence and following leads in order to bring justice to Mr. Hoeft and closure to his family.

# Gulf Shores K-9 Unit



Left to Right: Officer C. Bagby & K-9 Axel, Officer J. Perry & K-9 Vice  
Corporal J. Taylor & K-9 Dakota and Sergeant G. Bobo & K-9 Matjo

## U.S.P.C.A. Region 1 Field Trials

In February, the Gulf Shores Police K-9 Unit hosted the 2012 United States Police Canine Association Region 1 Field Trials. The event drew over 50 K-9 Teams from Florida, Georgia and south Alabama. The K-9 Unit received positive feedback from citizens and participants. One of the U.S.P.C.A. officials said that the crowd on "Demo Night" was one of the largest turn outs he had seen at a U.S.P.C.A. event. Approximately 1500 in attendance.



**In January, Officer Jeremy Perry was partnered with K-9 Vice. K-9 Vice is an experienced Police Service Dog that previously worked for another Law Enforcement Agency. K-9 Vice is a 3 year old male German Shepherd and is certified in narcotics detection, apprehension, obedience, and handler protection.**



**In August, Officer Shawn Andrews was selected as the newest member of the K-9 Unit. Officer Andrews joined the Gulf Shores Police Department in 2006 after working 6 years for the Mobile Police Department. K-9 Taz, a 2 year old male German Shepherd, was partnered with Officer Andrews. They are currently attending the 10 week Escambia County Sheriff's Office K-9 School in Pensacola and are scheduled to graduate in February 2013. After graduation, the K-9 Team will be certified in narcotics detection, tracking, apprehension, obedience, and handler protection.**



# *In Memory of Matjo*

**On October 10, 2012, K-9 Matjo sadly died of unexpected health issues. Matjo served the citizens of Gulf Shores for 7 years and was retired on August 1, 2012. Matjo will be greatly missed by Sergeant G. Bobo and the entire Gulf Shores Police Department.**



# School Resource Officer

## Gavin Kostelecky

The School Resource Officer is a full time position within the Police Department and enhances school safety at Gulf Shores High, Middle, and Elementary schools. The position requires frequent communications between the officer and School Administrators to satisfy the constantly evolving nature of our schools goals and specific Law Enforcement concerns. The SRO position is currently under the Criminal Investigation Division which is led by Lt. Bill Cowan.



Active Shooter Training



# TAASRO's 13th Annual Safe Schools Conference

The Alabama Association of School Resource Officers, TAASRO, held its annual Safe Schools Conference in Gulf Shores in 2012. The weeklong conference was held at Connections, GSUMC, and was attended by 244 School Resource Officers and School Administrators from all areas of Alabama as well as some out-of-state SROs. The conference provides current training, popular youth trends, and networking venues for those working within the Education field. The GSPD SRO is a board member within TAASRO and serves as the Logistical Officer and is highly involved in the continued success of the conference by providing training sites, assisting with the selection and coordination of presentations, and acting as a liaison with local businesses.

## School Crisis Mapping

In 2012 the School Resource officer created a presentation that was given to all officers that has interactive floor plans of the three schools and includes interior and exterior photos, administration photos for each school, and aerial photos. This data can now be upgraded, modified, and adjusted as personnel and structures are changed.

## Baldwin County Sheriff's Office Shinning Star Youth Academy

School resource was also tasked to assist with the Shinning Star Youth camps that are sponsored by the BCSO and area businesses to provide weeklong summer camps for children ages 8 to 12 years. The trio of camps were held at Baldwin County High School, Central Baldwin Middle, and Fairhope Intermediate School and over three hundred of the county's youth were given instruction in internet safety, drug/alcohol awareness, water safety, electrical safety, and many other topics of interest or concern for the age group.



# Too Good For Drugs

Too Good for Drugs is a program developed by the Mendez Foundation that was developed in the Tampa, FL area to address drug, alcohol, and tobacco use by our youth. The program is ten weeks in length. In 2012 over one-hundred and fifty fifth grade students were awarded certificates for participation in the program. In addition to demystifying the drug and alcohol problems and consequences it also introduces many students to a police officer and aides in the relationship

between law enforcement and our children by providing a comfortable setting where they can get to know an officer in the absence of a vehicle accident, traffic violation, domestic incident or other stressful environment that might leave an unfavorable impression.





# STAR Program International Police Exchange

The STAR program originated during the summer of 1985, when a number of police families from San Diego to Los Angeles, Torrance to San Bernardino, California made arrangements to host a number of (West) German police officers. The German officers arrived at the end of September to spend a very informative, educational and enjoyable two weeks with their hosts.

Since the first trip, there have been two exchanges annually.

The program mechanics entail a group planned visitation of a specified number of officers from one country to a similar number of host officers in another country. As the program is designed to provide professional educational enhancement, there are some group activities, but the heart of the program is that the visiting officers are individually placed with host officers in their homes, ensuring room and meals, directly interfacing culturally and professionally by acquainting the visitor with the host's police organization and daily duties. Each host is primarily responsible for his or her guest's lodging and food. Hosts also help make transportation arrangements when necessary.

In simple terms, STAR offers an opportunity to live with, exchange ideas with and learn from foreign law enforcement activities which are arranged personally between the host and the visitor, enforcement officer for two weeks whether, in USA or Germany. The importance of STAR is not what a participant learns from the program, but the opportunity to see law enforcement work from other perspectives, to gain new ideas, to re-examine ways of looking at old problems and to gain a new sense of affinity with our fellow officers all over the world. Participation in the STAR program is open to all peace officers, active or retired, full-time reserves or auxiliary, and to full-time civilian paraprofessionals as well as educators, active or retired, whose educational field of endeavor relate directly to law enforcement.

This is the second year that the Gulf Shores Police Department has participated in the program.

This year we hosted five German Police (Polizei) Officers. They were Dr. Thomas Wagner, Sebastian Wilhelm, Eva-Maria Vollmuth, Tanja Hoffman, and Sebastian Kilter. German Officers joined Gulf Shores Police as they patrolled the city during spring break week. They also experienced maritime patrol with the U.S. Coast Guard.

## Special Projects Division

The Special Projects Division is responsible for numerous vital functions of the Department. These include; Detention, Special Events, Community Relations, and Training. The Division is staffed by ten full time positions, and eight trainers from other Divisions who coordinate through the Special Projects Division. The Current Division Commander is Lt. Alan Carpenter.

## Detention

The Gulf Shores Detention Facility is a 26 bed jail, which until 2012, was staffed by 4 Detention Officers. In 2012 the Facility was approved for two additional Detention Officers. Additionally, Cpl. William Berrey was named Detention Supervisor. In 2012, the training program for new and existing Detention Officers was also updated and expanded. The changes which took place in 2012 have significantly increased the safety, efficiency, and accountability in the Detention Facility.

In 2012, the Facility held or processed 1,366 arrestees. Of these 1041 were male and 325 were female.

The role of the Detention Officers has also been expanded. Today Detention Officers are heavily involved in Court Security, and assist outside the facility with Special Events and traffic details.



# Special Events

Each year the City of Gulf Shores hosts an ever growing list of special events. These include two major concert events (Hangout Music Festival and Shrimp Festival) along with numerous runs, triathlons, sporting events, and parades.

Whenever there is a special event the Special Projects Division is tasked with coordinating the Department's planning, staffing, operations and logistics during the events. Each event poses unique challenges and the members of the Special Purposes Division work closely with the stakeholders for each event to ensure a safe and successful outcome.

## Hangout Music Festival

Each year in May the City of Gulf Shores plays host to the Hangout Music Festival. In just a few years this event has grown in popularity and acclaim amongst nationally recognized festivals. The general estimates of crowds each year range from thirty five to forty thousand attendees. 2012 was no exception.

Events like the Hangout Music festival require not only the full activation of the Department's staff, but large scale multijurisdictional and interdisciplinary coordination in order to effectively staff it.

Not only does the Department work closely with the event organizers and Fire/EMS, but with numerous law enforcement agencies as well. These include but are not limited to, Baldwin County Sheriff's Department, Foley and Orange Beach Police Departments, Mobile Police Department, Mobile County Sheriff's Department, Alabama Marine Police, and the Coast Guard.

These agencies work together not only to provide for policing at the event and traffic flow, but also to counter any disruptive threat that might be posed. This year the level of security provided was increased significantly by inviting the 46th Civil Support Unit to assist with the event.

The Hangout Music Festival is a nationally recognized event, and the Gulf Shores Police Department is proud to provide a level of security comparable to any event in the country. The Department's success in responding to this event is evidenced by the relatively small number of arrests made. There were only seventy four arrests for all four days, with no major reported incidents.



## Shrimp Festival

The National Shrimp Festival is another major music and arts event held each year. The nature of the event is different from the Hangout Festival in several ways, but it attracts comparable crowds and the need for security is still the top priority.

This year there were minimal reported arrests or incidents associated with the Shrimp Festival.

# Training

Training is a paramount concern of any professional organization. Each year the Department engages in a broad range of training areas far beyond the minimal requirements of the Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission.

In 2012, Officers and staff participated in excess of 3100 hours of documented training. In addition to these hours are the ongoing training hours undertaken by specialty units such as SWAT and K-9.

One of the upgraded programs for 2012 was the on the job training programs which include the Detention Officer's training program and the Patrol Officer's Field Training Program.



# Field Training Officer Program

The purpose of the Field Training Officer Program (FTO) is to train new officers so that each is prepared to function as a solo officer at the conclusion of their training cycle.

The training cycle consists of weeks of intensive on-the-job training and performance evaluations. Training is conducted and staffed by field training officers and a coordinator.

Field training officers have the dual responsibility of providing police service in their assigned beats, as well as conducting training and evaluations for new officers. Field training coordinator is responsible for the supervision of all personnel assigned to their teams and for coordinating and supervising the on-the-job training of recruit officers.

Officers are required to meet specific performance standards in performance categories before being certified for solo patrol duty. After completion of the FTO program, each officer is assigned to a patrol shift. During this time, the officer is evaluated on a biweekly basis by their FTO. As the officers near the completion of their probationary period, officers who have performed at an acceptable level and pass are recommended for retention as permanent employees.

The program currently has four FTO training officers. The four officers are James Johnston, Eric Smith, Jerry Ramsey, and Scott Streeter. Jerry Ramsey was also appointed as the FTO Coordinator this year.

GSPD had five new officers enter into the FTO program in 2012. The five officers that entered into the program in 2012 are Kristopher Baldner, Seth Headley, Leah Carpenter, Joshua Gullede, and Joshua Hoguet. Leah Carpenter and Joshua Hoguet are currently in the police academy. Kristopher Baldner, Seth Headley, and Joshua Gullede have successfully completed the program and operate as solo patrol officers.



# Community Relations



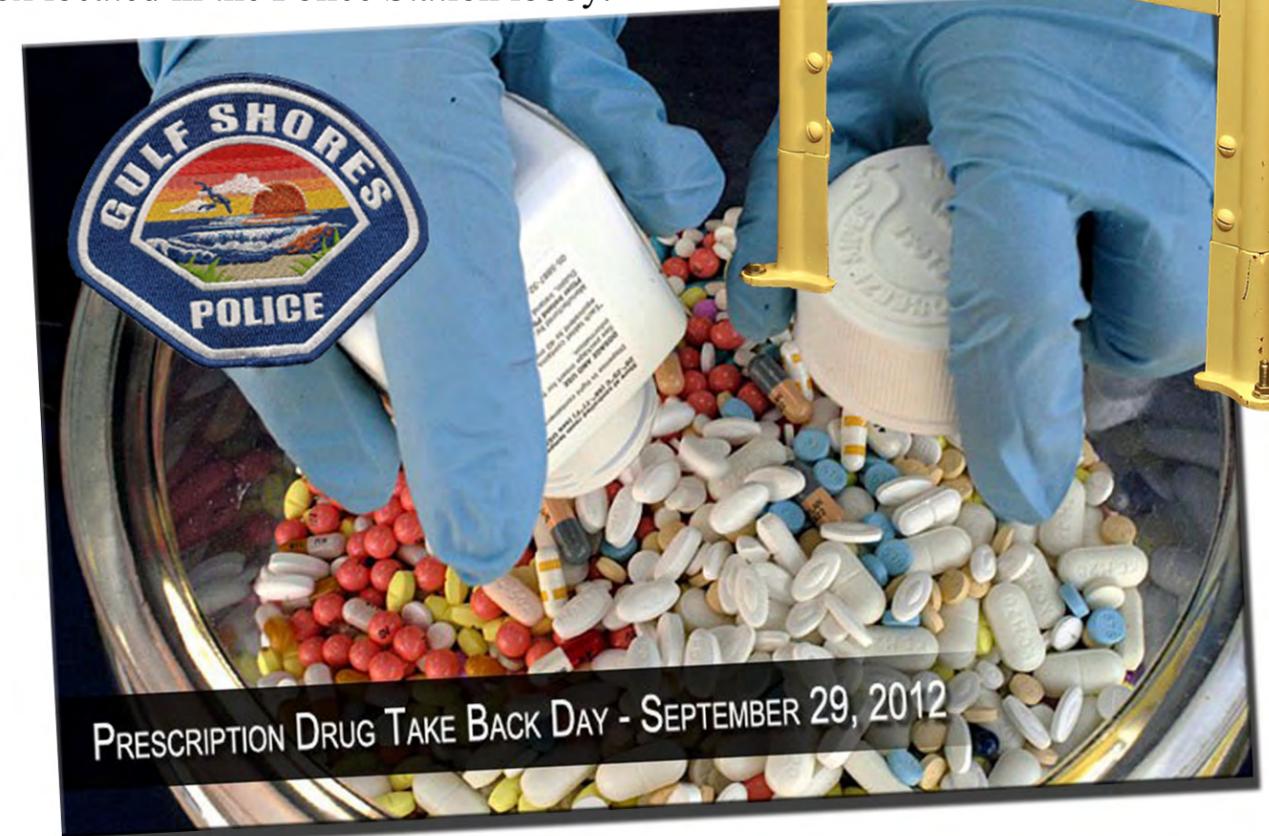
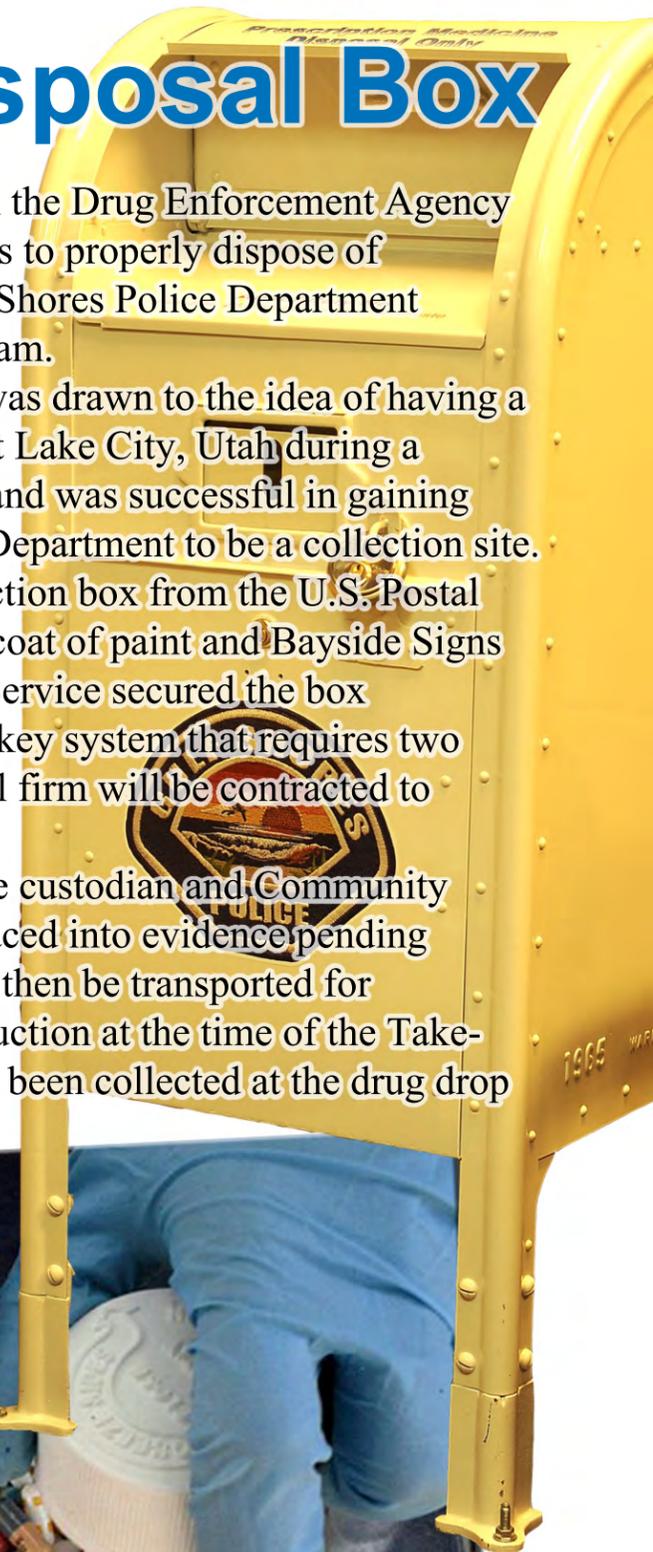
# Prescription Disposal Box

In 2011, the Police Department partnered with the Drug Enforcement Agency for a Drug Take-Back day to encourage residents to properly dispose of unwanted medications. In April 2012, the Gulf Shores Police Department launched a full time Prescription Disposal program.

Community Resource Officer Josh Coleman was drawn to the idea of having a full-time program after seeing a drop-box in Salt Lake City, Utah during a training trip. Coleman returned to Gulf Shores and was successful in gaining approval from the DEA for Gulf Shores Police Department to be a collection site.

Coleman then obtained a donated postal collection box from the U.S. Postal Service. Gulf Shores Collision donated a fresh coat of paint and Bayside Signs provided professional graphics. Aaron's Lock Service secured the box permanently and provided GSPD with a double key system that requires two people to retrieve the drugs for disposal. A local firm will be contracted to destroy the drugs.

The drug drop box is managed by the evidence custodian and Community Resource Officer. The drugs are bagged and placed into evidence pending destruction. The collected pharmaceuticals will then be transported for incineration or turned over to the DEA for destruction at the time of the Take-Back event. To date, more than 90 pounds have been collected at the drug drop box located in the Police Station lobby.



## National Night Out

Each year, Gulf Shores residents celebrate National Night Out, "America's Night Out Against Crime." This Crime Prevention event designed to promote police-community partnerships, neighborhood unity, and safety. We partnered with Target, Publix, and several businesses in Pelican Place Mall this year. We had an outstanding response from our citizens with approximately 800 in attendance.



# Volunteers in Policing

The Department's Volunteers in Policing program began in 2012. Policies and Procedures were created to help manage the new program. The volunteers are knowledgeable and experienced citizens who volunteer their time to assist the Department in a number of capacities. In 2012, the first phase was created by recruiting criminal justice students from Faulkner State Community College to assist during The Hangout Music Festival, Shrimp Festival, and National Night Out.

Their assistance has been of great value to the Police Department and our community. Our Department recognizes the valuable assistance that volunteers provide and considers them to be an integral part of our GSPD team.

# Coordinated Police Deployment at Major Events

Gulf Shores is host to many large-scale events which draw crowds of thousands. To ensure the safety of residents and visitors, the Department provides a coordinated police presence. Patrol, Jail, and Animal Control each serve an important function in maintaining safety at these events. Security efforts include traffic control, street closures, parking enforcement, crowd control, crowd monitoring, and high visibility patrol, which may include foot patrols, bike patrols, and ATV/beach patrols.

The Hangout Music Festival, Collegiate Sand Volleyball National Championships, SEC Beachfest, and National Shrimp Festival, are just a few of the events which the Police Department provided its services in 2012.

During large-scale events, the Police Department has specific areas which require multiple staff members to work fixed posts and aid in traffic and crowd control. To provide the needed police presence, the Department utilizes the services of the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office and Foley Police Department to enhance the Department's security efforts during major community events.

# Community Relations: Coffee with a Cop



Community Resource Officer Josh Coleman started looking for outreach ideas early in 2012 and helped develop a new, innovative way to reach the community called "Coffee with a Cop."

In May 2012 the Gulf Shores Police Department hosted their first "Coffee" at McDonalds. The program is designed to improve the department's communication with residents. Public relations are often a weak point for police agencies, which usually put their resources toward public safety before community outreach. During "Coffee with a Cop," officers are the ones answering questions.





# Alabama Law Enforcement Torch Run

**Special  
Olympics**

The Law Enforcement Torch Run® began in 1981 when Wichita, Kansas Police Chief Richard LaMunyon saw a need to raise awareness of and funds for Special Olympics. He conceived the idea of the Torch Run as a way to involve local law enforcement with their communities and Special Olympics, by running the torch in intrastate relays that converge at their local Summer Games.

Now a global event, all 50 states and more than 35 foreign countries participate in the Law Enforcement Torch Run®, generating more than \$34 million a year for Special Olympics Programs around the world. Since its inception in 1981, the Law Enforcement Torch Run® has raised more than \$100,000,000 worldwide. It is the largest grass roots fundraising program and public awareness vehicle for Special Olympics.



Funds are raised year-round through a variety of activities, such as; Race to the Top of the Tower, T-Shirt Sales and many more. Every summer, hundreds of law enforcement personnel carry the Special Olympics Torch - the Flame of Hope® through counties all over Alabama, culminating at the Opening Ceremonies of the state Summer Games. As one of the state's largest grassroots fundraising efforts, the Law Enforcement Torch Run has become the single largest supporter of Special Olympics.



# Traffic

## Crash Reports

Crash Severity	2010	2011	2012
Fatal Injury	3	3	5
Incapacitating Injury	21	19	11
Non-Incapacitating Injury	33	29	41
Possible Injury	19	38	35
Property Damage Only	324	429	428
Unknown	21	24	21
<i>Total</i>	<i>420</i>	<i>542</i>	<i>541</i>

## Vehicle Stops\*

Traffic Citations	1351	1471	1527
Written Warnings	542	709	1967
<i>Total</i>	<i>1893</i>	<i>2180</i>	<i>3494</i>

\*Verbal Warnings not included

# Index Crime Statistics

Listed below are the Index Crime Statistics for the City of Gulf Shores in 2012, with comparative figures for 2010 and 2011. The eight crime index crimes are considered (for reporting purposes) to be the most serious crimes.

## Homicide

2010	2011	2012
1	0	0

## Burglary

2010	2011	2012
104	152	135

## Theft

2010	2011	2012
566	640	775

## Aggravated Assault

2010	2011	2012
3	0	0

## Motor Vehicle Theft

2010	2011	2012
20	15	16

## Robbery

2010	2011	2012
10	8	3

## Rape

2010	2011	2012
12	8	3

## Arson

2010	2011	2012
1	3	1

## Total Index Crime Offenses

2010	2011	2012
717	823	938

# Other Incidents

# Drug Crimes

	2010	2011	2012		2010	2011	2012
<b>Other Assaults</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>Unlawful Possession of</b>			
<b>Domestic Violence</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>Controlled Substance</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Forgery and Counterfeiting</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>				
<b>Fraud</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>Unlawful Possession of</b>			
<b>Vandalism / Criminal Mischief</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>Certain Chemical Compounds</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Weapons</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>				
<b>Prostitution</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Unlawful Manufacturing of</b>			
<b>Sex Offenses</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Controlled Substance</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Gambling</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>				
<b>Driving Under the Influence</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>Unlawful Possession of</b>			
<b>Public Intoxication</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>Drug Paraphernalia</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>Disorderly Conduct</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>47</b>				
<b>Obstructing Gov. Operations</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Possession of Marijuana</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>104</b>
				<b>Totals</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>228</b>

# Calls for Service Summary

	2010	2011	2012
911 Hang Up & Open Line	419	349	322
Alarm	787	928	914
Animal Complaint	336	355	435
Assault	62	66	67
Assist EMS or Other Agency	134	295	370
Assist Motorist	453	504	568
Attempt to Locate or Serve	174	131	157
B & E Auto	88	118	167
BOLO	27	48	48
Burglary- Business	9	22	20
Burglary- Residence	82	116	129
Civil Complaint	99	182	149
Clear Parking Lot	18	6	20
Community Assist	45	95	201
Criminal Littering	31	21	20
Criminal Mischief	152	136	152
Criminal Trespass	75	87	96
Natural Death	11	9	11
Disorderly Conduct	64	85	78
Disturbance	302	322	387
Domestic Disturbance	352	357	334
Drowning	0	1	2
Drug/ Narcotics	137	122	151
Escort	17	46	18
Field Interview	428	533	792
Fight	97	134	176
Fire Call	53	89	93
Fireworks	48	64	77
Follow Up	230	319	426
Found & Lost Property	167	261	253
Fraud or Forgery	91	101	125
Harassment or Harassing Communications	230	291	285
Illegal Parking	122	158	173
Indecent Exposure	12	14	13
Intoxicated Driver	137	200	205
Juvenile Matter	75	92	81
Liquor Law Violation	48	58	64
Loitering	7	5	3
Medical	115	226	236
Meet Complainant	55	263	292
Menacing	4	8	5

Mental Person	10	12	10
Missing Person	41	119	134
Noise Complaint	322	423	514
Open Door	86	104	139
Pick Up Prisoner	122	158	138
Plane Crash	1	0	3
Property Damage	226	242	196
Prowler	5	3	13
Public Intoxication	156	195	225
Public Lewdness	4	6	6
Pursuit	1	3	0
Reckless Driving	286	425	501
Recovered Property	12	9	9
Residence Check	21	107	258
Robbery	4	8	4
Runaway	7	13	8
School Zone	357	358	349
Sexual Assault/ Rape	11	22	15
Shoplifting	44	80	99
Shots Fired	23	36	53
Skateboarding	13	14	12
Solicitation	10	19	25
Special Assignment	28	80	68
Stolen Vehicle	31	32	32
Suicide	3	4	6
Suicide Attempt	30	29	44
Suspicious Activity	282	284	455
Suspicious Person	248	262	335
Suspicious Vehicle	789	851	1026
Swimmer in Distress	11	21	37
Theft	455	481	599
Traffic Complaint	23	62	51
Traffic Control	84	93	128
Traffic Hazard	95	137	176
Transmit Obscene material	0	2	1
Transport	111	91	103
Unattended Death	1	0	2
Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle	8	13	10
Vehicle on Beach	1	9	4
Vin Verification	23	43	51
Warrant Service	54	64	101
Watercraft Complaint	1	2	3
Welfare Concern	210	281	313
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,043</b>	<b>12,414</b>	<b>14,050</b>



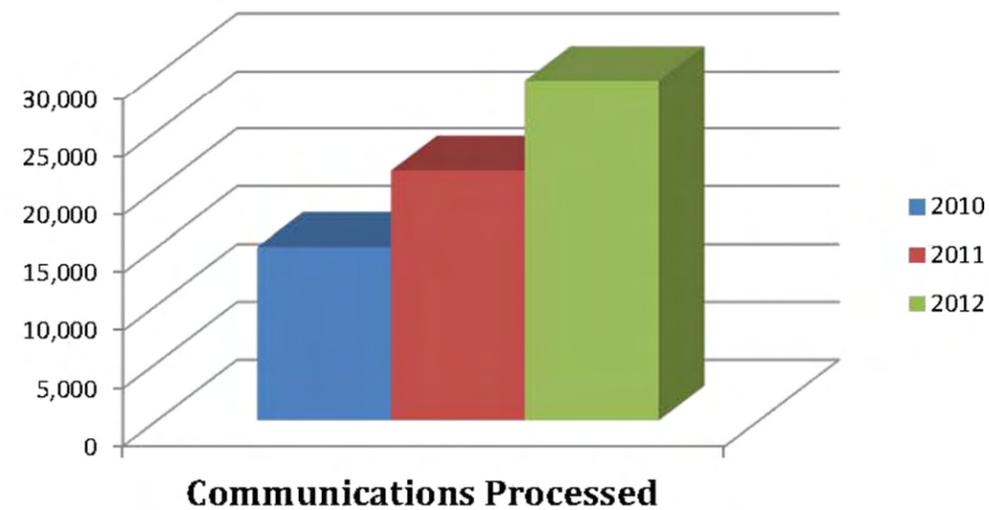
## Retired 2012

**Sgt. Harry "Skip" Callaway Jr.**

Employed: 06/21/1981 to 11/01/2012

## Communications

	2010	2011	2012
Communications Processed	15,030	21,589	29,440



# Police Chaplains

The volunteer chaplains for the Gulf Shores Police Department were honored for their service on December 10, 2012 during the City Council meeting.

Jody Kranz, Minister of Discipleship/Children at Gulf Shores United Methodist Church and Bruce Dumond, lead pastor at Gulfway Church, received plaques and certificates.

The Gulf Shores Police Chaplain program has been in existence since 2008. At the beginning of 2012 they were required to log their hours of service. A total of 330 hours of volunteer time was logged. This translates to approximately 30 hours a month of volunteer service provided by the Chaplains for the Gulf Shores Police Department and the citizens we serve.



*In Remembrance of Our  
Fallen Officers*



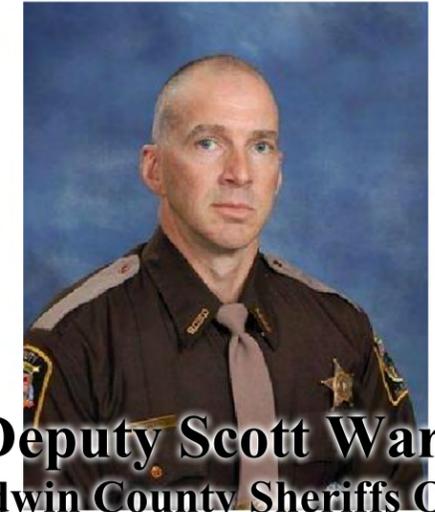
**Officer Steven Green**  
**Mobile Police Department**  
**End of Watch: Feb 3, 2012**

Police Officer Steven Green was stabbed to death by a prisoner outside of the Mobile County Metro Jail at approximately 3:50 pm.

The subject had been arrested by an off duty police officer earlier in the day when he attempted to rob a dollar store. He had approached the store's checkout counter, demanded money, then lit the counter on fire after spraying it with lighter fluid. An off duty officer shopping in the store tackled him and took him into custody.

He was processed at the police station and was being transported to the county jail by Officer Green when he attacked and fatally stabbed Officer Green outside of the jail complex. The subject then stole the officer's service weapon and patrol car. Other officers pursued the suspect to a home off of Dauphin Island Parkway where he engaged them in a shootout, wounding one officer in the arm. The suspect suffered a fatal gunshot wound during the exchange of shots.

Officer Green had served with the Mobile Police Department for 20 months. He is survived by his wife, son, and two daughters.



**Deputy Scott Ward**  
**Baldwin County Sheriffs Office**  
**End of Watch: Nov 23, 2012**

Deputy Sheriff Scott Ward was shot and killed after he and two other deputies responded to a domestic disturbance call involving an emotionally disturbed person in the 11800 block of Mallard Lane shortly after 4:00 pm.

The man's mother called police after arriving at his home when she was unable to contact him by phone. Upon her arrival she was unable to calm him down.

The deputies were speaking to the subject on the front porch when he suddenly produced a handgun and opened fire. Deputy Ward and one other deputy were shot before the subject was killed by return fire.

All three deputies were wearing their vests. Both wounded deputies were flown to the University of South Alabama Medical Center in critical condition. Deputy Ward succumbed to his wounds.

Deputy Ward was a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve. He had served with the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office for 15 years and had previously served with the Prichard Police Department. He is survived by his wife.



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